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A system and method of condensing computer code in which canonical lists are created with index values replacing code structures within the code. More particularly, in JAVA code, condensed code is created by making canonical lists of classes, methods and fields in the code and replacing such class, method and/or field references within the code with index values corresponding to the canonical lists.

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